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Awards Convocation Will Honor Achievers

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Behrend College will hold the 24th Annual Honors and Awards Convocation in the Reed Lecture Hall on Sun., April 21 at 3 p.m.

Many honors and awards will be given out to various students and faculty members. Students who receive an award can be

honored for having contributed their time and energy to the betterment of their club or organization, or simply on an academic basis.

The academic awards are divided into three categories. The first is the Walker Award, which is given to juniors or seniors with outstanding grades.

The second award is the Turnbull Award. This award is presented to students who have given outstanding service to the college.

The third academic award that is given out is the Kochel Award. This award is given to students who have shown both outstanding service to the college and have

achieved outstanding grades.

There are also scholarships that are based on academic achievements, and financial need. One of these is the Kunkle Scholarship.

Various faculty members will also be awarded at the convocation. These awards are divided into three categories: teaching, research, and advising skills.

Excluding the above awards, students will also be receiving intramural and athletic awards.

"All clubs and organizations are eligible to nominate members

for awards," says Jamie Grimm, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. "It looks good on students' resumes and rewards people who have worked hard."

The school will contact people who will be receiving awards. Parents of the students will also be contacted and are invited to attend the Annual Honors and Awards Convocation.

"Awards are important and recognize students for their activities," says Grimm. "This is our opportunity to say thank you."

English Instructor Discusses 'Real' Audience

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Marjorie Podolsky, instructor of English, presented a paper titled "Business Writing for a Real



Marjorie Podolsky
English Instructor

Audience" to the Pennsylvania College English Association in Philadelphia on Mar. 15.

"The purpose of the paper was to convince teachers to teach students to write for an audience other than the instructor," Podolsky explained, "...a 'real' audience." She said she has already used this technique with one of her classes to gather data for an instructor who is doing research. "The students did real work," she added.

Podolsky, who is a member herself, explained that the annual conference of the Pennsylvania College English Association "is an opportunity for college teachers to share professional knowledge." Research findings and teaching techniques are also discussed, she continued, "but,

you have to be a member to present a paper."

Podolsky said, "Business writing is a new field of research and study." The rationale behind this new awareness stems from "complaints by employers that people don't write well," she noted. The "interest is tied to the student's professional interest," she added.

In addition to being a member of the Pennsylvania College English Association, Podolsky is chairperson of the Scholarship and Awards Committee and holds a position on the University Senate. Before coming to Behrend to teach freshman composition, business writing, and humanities classes, she taught English for five years at Mercyhurst Preparatory School.

Mossbauer Research Conducted

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operation for three weeks. Marande has had two articles published in scientific journals, such as *Molecular Crystal-Liquid Crystal* and *Physical Review Letters*. Abstracts (summaries) from the research are being published regularly in *The Bulletin of American Physical Society*.

Marande emphasized that the research will benefit other fields of study and work. "This research can be used for modeling membrane tissue and to find the percentage of iron or iron ions present in chemical compounds. This will be applicable to biology and chemistry," Marande

explained.

All research is funded by the university. "We spend about \$4000 every four years," said Marande.

Marande feels that the Mossbauer Research will benefit Behrend by, "...obtaining publicity that will improve the college's reputation." Students will benefit because, "They will receive fundamentals about research methods that will prepare them for the future."

Hope was expressed by Marande that more teachers and students will become a part of the research.



Dr. Robert Marande, Associate Professor of Physics working in the laser lab.

Behrend Student Applies For Faculty Senate Representative

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As students, our views and opinions are integral parts of this university. Student Representatives to the University Faculty Senate provide a channel to voice our views.

The University Faculty Senate is a vital part of the university; it determines curricular guidelines that include the approval of course modifications and faculty issues.

Students of the commonwealth campuses and the Behrend College will hold elections Apr. 10-11. Elections for Student Representatives to the University Faculty Senate will also occur on these dates. Ten representatives will be from the 10 colleges at University Park, four will be graduate student representatives, and three will be representing the commonwealth campuses, which includes Behrend College.

Each of these 17 student representatives will have one full vote along with the faculty members of the University Faculty Senate. Consequently, the Student Representatives' position

carries with it a significant amount of influence. SGA President Doug Gerow is currently Behrend's only candidate for the commonwealth campuses Student



Doug Gerow
SGA President

Representative to the University Faculty Senate.

What qualifications does Doug possess that he believes make him eligible for the position? "I feel that my involvement with the Council of Branch Campus Student Governments (COBCSG) for two years combined with my experience in student government have resulted in an understanding on my part of the all-important university bureaucracy. Also, as a commonwealth campus and Behrend College student, I have a vested interest in our concerns and can represent them effectively."

At the time of voting, students at Behrend will vote to select three of the 12 candidates located at branch campuses during the Student Government Elections. Resumes of the other candidates will be available at the voting booths as well as posted on campus.

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